

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; vaccines drastically reduce the spread of many infectious, debilitating, and potentially life-threatening diseases – including smallpox, polio, diphtheria, tetanus, measles, mumps, chickenpox, shingles, influenza, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, pneumococcal disease, rotavirus, whooping cough, meningitis, and rubella – that were once endemic; and

*WHEREAS*; the World Health Organization estimates that vaccines prevented at least 10 million deaths between 2010 and 2015, and protected many millions more from illness; and

*WHEREAS*; scientific and medical communities overwhelmingly agree that vaccines are effective, safe, and instrumental in protecting folks from contracting preventable diseases; and

*WHEREAS*; the worldwide race towards a vaccine for COVID-19 serves as a contemporary reminder of how important immunizations are to public health; and

*WHEREAS*; the dissemination of misinformation about vaccine safety poses a significant public health risk, as communities with low vaccination rates compromise the health and livelihood of infants, young children, seniors, individuals with immunodeficiency disorders, and individuals with weakened or compromised immune systems; and

*WHEREAS*; educating folks about the importance of immunization and routine vaccinations is key to ensuring public health, safety, and awareness; and

*WHEREAS*; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the majority of our world's scientists, medical professionals, and experts in encouraging regular vaccinations and sharing truthful, science-informed information about immunization;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim August 2020 as

## NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused the  
Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin  
to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in  
the City of Madison this 16<sup>th</sup> day  
of July 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Evers".  
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TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Douglas La Follette".  
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DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State

